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## HEAVY DAMAGE AS QUAKE HITS NICARAGUA

Managua, capital of the Central American republic of Nicaragua, was a city of death and destruction yesterday after being struck by a strong earthquake.

A commercial radio broadcast from the city of about 325,000 people estimated 5,000 had been killed. Other reports, however, said about 200 people had died. The broadcast said most of the centre of Managua was destroyed or badly damaged, that bodies littered the streets and that there was no water, electricity or food available. Fires were reported to be raging out of control. One report said 14 blocks of downtown Managua had been burned.

Hospitals were destroyed or so badly damaged that they could not accept all of the injured. All telephone communication with the outside world was cut when the quake badly damaged the Nicaraguan communications building.

However, amateur radio operators were able to establish a network to ask for help and coordinate relief supplies pouring towards Managua from North and South America. The announcer on the commercial broadcast said his station was transmitting on auxiliary power from the street because the studios had been destroyed.

The radio operators said many large buildings, including the U.S. Embassy, were destroyed or badly damaged. Thousands of people were said to be roaming Managua's streets dazed and in shock. Other thousands had fled in terror to the countryside, they said.

The damage was apparently caused by the strongest of a series of six tremors on Friday night and yesterday morning. The strongest tremor was measured at seismological stations in the U.S. and South America at from 6.5 to 7 on the Richter Scale. The Alaskan earthquake of 1964 was measured at 8.4 on the Richter Scale and the 1903 San Francisco earthquake at 8.3.

Many of the injured were being taken to the airport for evacuation. In San Jose, Costa Rica, to the south of Managua, hospitals prepared to receive the injured after President Jose Figueres offered all the nation's medical services. The airport building, a

## U.S. admits 14 planes down as raids go on

SAIGON. — U.S. losses mounted yesterday as the biggest air blitz of the war against North Vietnam continued. The U.S. Command admitted 14 planes downed, including 10 giant B52 bombers, and a total of at least 56 American airmen missing in the raids, which began six days ago.

The North Vietnamese claim they have downed 42 planes in the latest series of raids.

Meanwhile North Vietnam's Defense Minister, General Vo Nguyen Giap, was reported yesterday as saying that "Hanoi and Haiphong and other cities may be destroyed but the Vietnamese people will not be intimidated."

Giap's remarks, carried by Hanoi's official Vietnam News Agency, appeared to indicate that he was claiming heavy destruction to the North Vietnamese capital and its main port of Haiphong, but the tense he used left unclear whether he was saying that the two cities had been destroyed or that they might be if the U.S. air attacks were sustained at the same intensity.

The U.S. Command has maintained that only military targets are being attacked. It is estimated that the B52s alone are dropping up to 3,000 tons of bombs a day over North Vietnam.

At the U.N., Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim called yesterday for a resumption of the Vietnam peace talks in Paris, and said he was greatly concerned at the continuing U.S. bombing of North Vietnam.

### East European missions hit

VIENNA (Reuter). — Buildings belonging to at least three East European missions in Hanoi were damaged in the latest U.S. bombing raids over the North Vietnamese capital, according to Communist news agency reports yesterday.

Although no details were immediately available, the worst hit appeared to be the Bulgarian Embassy. Other buildings hit were those of the East German Embassy and the Hungarian Trade Mission, according to the reports.

He urged an end to all violence which could impede the success of the talks.

The Saigon Government yesterday announced a unilateral 24-hour cease-fire in South Vietnam for Christmas, beginning at 6 p.m. today.

The Vietcong had earlier declared a similar unilateral 24-hour cease-fire for the holiday.

The U.S. Command left its options open, refusing to comment on the South Vietnamese cease-fire. It is expected however that there will be a 24-hour bombing halt.

U.S. intelligence reports say there are 28 batteries of Sam-2s in the area.



British Labour Party leader, Harold Wilson, and Mrs. Wilson with their son, Giles, left, on Friday at the kibbutz where the younger Wilson has been working as a volunteer for the past several years. Story page 3.

## NEW ROADS AND HOMES 'Thinning out' Rafah camp starts today

By H. BEN-ADI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Work is to begin on the construction of a 30-kilometre-wide roadway through the Rafah refugee camp, as part of a programme to thin out the camp and provide better services. Tel-Aviv Gazit, the Defence Ministry's coordinator for the administration, told a press conference Friday.

Some roads had been through the camp area 16 ago, but the work was then out to increase security at the security situation has improved slowly — but the plan, now aimed at improving conditions of all 40,000 families in the Rafah camp, the in the Gaza Strip.

110 families will be the construction of the Tab-Atuf Gazit said. They have been provided with housing in newly built suburbs nearby. The remain in the houses left after the road-clearing. But these houses will be large and have better than the original Uvra in which the families have been.

The programme, which will be carried out in all the population of Rafah to its present 7,500 families, it said.

as moving out of Rafah

## 10 KILLED ON ROADS

Jerusalem Post Staff

Ten persons were killed in weekend road accidents, six of them in a head-on collision on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway, near Meshav Shoshan, yesterday afternoon.

The head-on crash occurred when a Jerusalem-bound tender driven by Aran Ortal of Kibbutz Maor Haybn smashed into the car in front, seriously injuring the car's driver, and then swung into the opposite lane. The truck, which was carrying five people, hit a new B.M.W. sedan with three persons, killing all of them. Three passengers in the tender died.

Police said last night those killed in the B.M.W. were Jerusalem attorney Avraham Bar-Yeet, 43, his secretary, Rachel Kaufman, 23, of Beerseba, and her mother, Ilana Kaufman, 54, also of Beerseba. Those killed in the truck were Ziva Shariki of Jerusalem and two soldiers whose names have not yet been released.

The driver of the car hit from behind by the truck, Ziva Hazzel, 24, of Jerusalem, was seriously injured, as were the tender driver, Ortal, 22, and a passenger, Zehava Natan, 18, of Jerusalem.

On Friday a Jaffa resident, Jacques Mizrahi, 45, was killed in a three-vehicle collision at the intersection of Salama and Eilat-alon Streets in Tel Aviv. Mizrahi was a passenger in a commercial van which collided with a truck and a car at the intersection. The driver of the commercial vehicle, Asher Hirsh, 20, of Net Ziona, was injured and taken to Tel Hashomer Hospital.

In Rishon LeZion, Leib Rosenzweig, 78, was fatally injured when he was hit by a truck while reportedly crossing the street against the traffic light. He died in the Assaf Harofa Hospital.

At least two persons were killed and another four seriously injured when an Egged bus hit an Army Carmel sedan at a Netanya intersection at 7 o'clock last night.

Witnesses said that three of the six people in the car were thrown to the roadway by the force of the collision. (Times)

## Bethlehem ready for Christmas

By ANAN SAFADI  
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

BETHLEHEM. — Church bells around the world will peal out at midnight recalling the birth of Jesus in a manger in the heart of the small town.

The centre of the city, in which Manger Square is situated, has been covered by strings of coloured lights and the area ornamented with bright decorations. The main roads to the town have been illuminated.

At St. Catherine's Church, inside the Basilica of the Nativity, where the midnight Mass will be held, Israeli Television technicians prepared yesterday to transmit the church ceremonies live by satellite to the outside world. The Mass will also be transmitted through a closed TV circuit to Manger Square, where 17 choirs will sing Christmas carols earlier in the evening.

Security reinforcements arrived in Bethlehem yesterday. The town will be closed to ordinary traffic from today until dawn tomorrow. Entry will be permitted to bearers of special passes, which pilgrims can get at tourist information offices, and local Christians at Government district offices.

Some 15,000 pilgrims are expected in Bethlehem today for the Christmas Eve ceremonies. They begin at 12.30 p.m. with a procession led by the Latin Patriarch from Jerusalem's Jaffa Gate to Bethlehem's Manger Square.

Hundreds of pilgrims were already seen yesterday touring the town in the brilliant but cold winter

## Truman 'very critical'

KANSAS CITY (AP). — Harry S. Truman, unconscious and under constant watch by his doctors, was described as "extremely critical" yesterday after his condition continued to weaken.

A statement issued by Research Hospital and Medical Centre said Truman, 88, remained in an unstable condition although the "shows no signs of discomfort."

It was the third time in 2½ weeks that the former President's condition has been considered critical. The hospital has never before used the phrase "extremely critical" in describing his condition, however.

## Pact signed with Mart

Israel's trade with the Common Market countries will "neither worsen nor improve" next year, following the signing of an agreement with the E.E.C. on Friday. This was stated in an interview with Israel radio yesterday by Israel's Ambassador to Brussels, Mr. Moshe Alon.

The agreement leaves tariffs on imports from Israel unchanged for one more year in the new Mart member countries — Britain, Ireland and Denmark.

The Director-General of the Finance Ministry, Mr. Avraham Agmon, told the radio interviewer that Israel's industry and agriculture must prepare for the "enormous challenge" that will be presented by competing imports from Common Market countries.

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**20 more Jews held**

Another 20 Soviet Jews were jailed for 15 days for gathering at the offices of the Supreme Soviet in Moscow last week to demand the release of Jews held in prison, Israel Radio reported.

The radio, which did not give a source for its report, said the number of those detained for participation in the protest meeting was now 45.

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**Cold wave to continue**

The cold snap will continue, with no early break in sight for the next few days, the weather man said last night. Freezing or near-freezing temperatures were reached last night in most of the country for the second straight day. Ground temperature fell to two degrees below zero in Satad last night, and puddles were reported frozen-over with a centimetre of ice.

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**PLANE WITH 47 MISSING**

OSLO, Norway (AP). — A Norwegian passenger jet with 47 persons on board was reported missing yesterday evening. The plane, a Dutch-built Fokker Fellowship, was on a domestic flight from the west coast town of Alesund to Oslo.

It was one of the so-called "Christmas planes" carrying passengers to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

**Disused Khan Yunis rail line blasted**

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

GAZA. — A section of disused railway line in the Khan Yunis area was damaged by an explosive charge on Friday night. The section of line — about one kilometre south of the town — was not seriously damaged in the blast, which blew out about 10 metres of track. Footprints of two men were seen leading away from the spot. At present the railway line to the Gaza Strip is used only up to the Gaza station.

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ARRIVALS

Dr. Israel Katz, National Insurance Institute head, from talks with social security experts in Britain. The chairman of the American Joint Distribution Committee and Mrs. Edward Ginsberg, from the U.S. to review JDC and JDC-Malben programmes.

'Gahal in disarray,' Liberals concerned over widening rift

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Gahal is in disarray as the rift deepened in Herut over the weekend. Leading members of the Liberal Party expressed their fears to this reporter of Gahal's future in the light of the widening gap over the weekend between Herut Chairman Menachem Begin and his veteran supporters.

allowing Mr. Begin to appear on television as the more reasonable of the two. This was even the opinion of Liberal leaders who are not entirely enthusiastic over Mr. Begin's manner of leading Gahal. The official position of the Liberals was spelled out by Liberal Chairman Dr. Elimelech Rimalt, who said this was a purely internal matter of Herut and "we hope it will wash itself out."

Mr. Begin is the focus of power in Herut is without foundation. He found it peculiar that Mr. Weizman had suddenly discovered faults in Herut. Dr. Yohanan Bader, M.K. said that "there is a room in Herut for two Begins. He hoped Mr. Weizman will continue in the party and that will depend on him and him alone."

Irwin: Mission on moon was unique religious experience

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Astronaut James Irwin, who walked on the moon as part of the Apollo-15 mission in 1971, came to the Holy Land on Friday to tell of being confronted by "God's presence" as he ascended into the heavens.



Astronaut James Irwin on Friday presented Tourism Minister Moshe Kol with a picture of the Apollo-15 astronauts landing on the moon.

Addressing an overflow crowd in the West Jerusalem Y.M.C.A. on Friday night, Col. Irwin said that the moon voyage had changed him from a test pilot and "nuts and bolts" technician into a man with a personal mission — to share with mankind a unique religious experience. "I spend most of my time now telling people how it (a space flight) changes your life."

Col. Irwin will address the crowd at 8:30 p.m. Col. Irwin is among a number of astronauts who have returned from the moon to take up new-found religious or humanitarian callings. The former Air Force officer quit the astronaut programme and became a travelling lay preacher on the Southern Baptist evangelist circuit, calling himself the "moon missionary." Astronaut Warden has taken to writing poetry.

Urge marking of Leningrad trial today
A group of 231 Soviet Jews has called on Jews throughout the world to gather in synagogues today, the second anniversary of the sentences handed down in the Leningrad trial. (On December 24, 1970, 11 Soviet Jews were given heavy sentences for allegedly planning to hijack a plane to freedom.)

Galili: Israel won't benefit from fighting in Indochina

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Minister without Portfolio Israel Galili on Friday rejected the suggestion that Israel could benefit from the continuation of fighting in Vietnam. Speaking to the Bar Association luncheon club at Tel Hashomer, the minister said: "Israel does not tie in its national interests with the outbreak of war in any part of the world. On the contrary, we see our interests as intrinsically linked to peace."

realistic. Although victory is assured, we do not want war because it will involve heavy casualties," Mr. Galili said. He noted that the Air Force had utilized the cease-fire period to arm itself with military answers to the sophisticated missiles in Egyptian hands along the Suez Canal.

to the status quo ante that caused the war. However this did not mean that Israel, while not pulling back to defensible borders until real peace was reached, should remain idle in the territories. Mr. Galili, who is chairman of the Cabinet settlement committee, spoke of creating facts that would ensure Israel's security interests.

Full verdict in Langer case out this week

TEL AVIV. — Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren said here on Friday that the full decision releasing the Langer brother and sister from mamzerut (bastardy) will be published this week, as a verdict of the Rabbinical Court of Appeals. Rabbi Goren, who was addressing the Engineers Club here, said he would fight to see that halachic questions were decided by rabbis and rabbinical-court judges, not by heads of government. (Some of the latter have been among the leaders of the agitation against him.) He said that what he described as "terror" would not be allowed to prevent religious-court judges from deciding according to their consciences.

Syrian threat to kill Jews 'secretly'

Syrian authorities have tortured and threatened to kill members of their country's Jewish community, two Jewish refugees said in an interview broadcast yesterday from London by Israel Radio. The refugees, an unidentified man and woman, said they reached Britain clandestinely last week. Speaking in Arabic, they said each day a number of young Syrian Jews "are brought to the offices of the Security Police and spend about five days there for questioning. When they are released from jail they go straight to the hospital with many signs of torture on their bodies."

STILL IN JAIL
A Foreign Ministry official, Mr. Samuel Divon, told a Jerusalem Vocal Newspaper audience on Friday evening that eight Syrian Jews and eight others in Iraq remain in jail. He said a ninth Iraqi Jew, Avraham Zayeg, had been found dead in his home. Mr. Divon, a political adviser to Foreign Minister Abba Eban, said that thanks to international efforts all Jews who were imprisoned in Egypt have now been released.

J'lem asked to clarify Allon remarks on M.E. plan

Mr. Allon told news correspondents during his visit to Washington earlier this month that he proposed a plan for Israel and Egypt to hold simultaneous negotiations on both a partial and an overall settlement of the conflict. The State Department reportedly wants to know whether Israel has changed its stand about holding negotiations on an interim settlement with Egypt. The U.S. has proposed a partial settlement to the dispute based on reopening the Suez Canal, a plan agreed to by Israel. Egypt has not turned down the U.S. proposal.

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More monks wanted for Santa Katerina

ATHENS (AFP). — Greek Orthodox Archbishop Gregorios of Sinai made an "urgent appeal" here yesterday for more money and monks for Santa Katerina Monastery at the foot of Mount Sinai. The Archbishop, who together with the dozen monks at the monastery constitutes an independent branch of the Greek church, claimed there were difficulties in maintaining the monastery since the Six Day War. He asked church authorities in particular for 14 more monks, saying it was difficult at present to keep an eye on the Israel-secularist parties visiting the monastery. Israeli control of Sinai made it impossible to recruit new monks in Egypt, he added. Meanwhile, the military government announced on Friday that the monastery will be closed to visitors from January 8 to 9 and from January 18 to 23. The first period covers the Greek Orthodox Christmas, and the second the Armenian.

Quake

(Continued from Page One)
new glass and marble structure was said to be badly damaged but the runways were said to be safe. Only relief planes were allowed to land and all commercial flights were diverted to other Central American countries. Managua, a lakeside city in a country of volcanoes, suffered its last severe earthquake in 1931, when thousands were killed or injured. Most of the damage yesterday was reported in the central section of the city. The Presidential Palace was said to be damaged, as was the Hotel Inter-Continental. Edward Hughes, the mysterious millionaire, is thought to be living on the seventh floor of the Inter-Continental, but there was no report of his situation. The Nicaraguan Red Cross was transmitting calls for aid to neighboring Central American countries. Aid poured toward the city from Costa Rica, Guatemala, Venezuela, Colombia, Panama and El Salvador. The U.S. rushed in medical supplies, doctors and medical personnel from Panama City to aid in the disaster. Nicaragua is the biggest state of Central America with a population of about two million. U.S. and Canadian companies mine gold and silver in the state. A 1967 estimate put the population at around 325,000. (AP, UPI, Reuters)

Immigration from West dropping

TEL AVIV. — Of the 57,000 immigrants coming to Israel this year, 32,000 are from the Soviet Union, Arye Pincus, chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, told the Industrial and Commercial Club here on Friday. Mr. Pincus said that immigration from the U.S. and Canada dropped to 7,000 from the peak of 10,000 in previous years. Mr. Pincus warned against "protest fatigue" in the fight for free emigration from Russia. The number of applications for exit visas to Israel is four or five times the number of those who leave. Emigration was possible at all because of the relentless pressure of the world opinion, not only against the "ransom" but against restriction on emigration generally. Mr. Pincus added. In Haifa on Thursday night, Mr. Pincus told the opening meeting of the new Moshe Sharett Club for Foreign Relations that Israel must be the spiritual centre of world Jewry, and must be open to criticism by Diaspora Jews on all but security affairs.

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# Harold Wilson here: Will never change view on Israel

**YAA'AOV FRIEDLER**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"There'll be no change in my view on Israel if I'm back," Harold Wilson told The Post on Friday when he was speaking during a visit to the kibbutz north where his son Giles is a volunteer.

Wilson, my question why Britishmen tended to become anti after they go into opposition," said, "You cannot make a nation great. If you view, look at the speech made at the 20th anniversary of the Jewish Declaration in London, when I was in office."

Wilson and his wife Mary, arrived for a week's visit on Thursday night, were on the kibbutz by their morning. They stayed for three days and then left to tour the Galilee. Mr. Wilson would spend Christmas in a "working all day" with and talks.

Wilson, three months ago, is studying Hebrew at the kibbutz and does every job given to him "in the orchards, up the trees like a monkey, in the cotton fields, in the dining room, washing plates, everything." Asked whether this would get him into trouble with the British unions, he smiled and replied, "You'll have to ask them."

His father, beaming with pleasure at his son's Hebrew, added, "I hope he'll get paid double fees so everyone'll be happy."

Giles, who is a mathematics and science teacher in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, said he had decided to do some volunteer service and picked a kibbutz in Israel rather than teaching in some other country. He was happy at the kibbutz and intended staying until June, when he would return home. He did not know whether Hebrew would

help him in any way but "I learned it just because it's here."

He did not intend entering politics, he said. "No room for two," his father added, smiling.

Kibbutz members told me that Giles was "a very nice boy. He does every job given to him, and he asks for no privileges. He spends some time in the culture club, reading every day, and he is well in with everybody. He's besotted (O.K.)."

The Wilson family were on Friday night the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alon at Kibbutz Ginosar and took part in the Shabbat celebration in the dining hall.

Mr. Uz Wallach welcomed the guests on behalf of the settlers. After dinner Mr. Wilson and his host had a long private talk about which Mr. Alon refused to say anything. Yesterday the Wilsons visited the Kinneret area and other tourist sites in the north.

# Real wages have gone up — Sapir U.K. cuts import quota on Israeli textiles

**LOD AIRPORT.** — Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, arriving from London on Thursday night, was asked to comment on Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon's recent statement that real wages had declined in 1971.

"I say — and I'm sure of what I'm saying — that real wages have been going up for the past three years," Mr. Sapir told reporters who had asked him to comment on Mr. Ben-Aharon's claim.

Mr. Sapir was returning by El Al from a visit to Britain on behalf of the U.F.A.-United Israel Appeal.

**By DAVID KRIVINE**  
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Britain has cancelled its import quota on Israeli cotton textiles. An announcement to this effect was released simultaneously in London and Jerusalem on Friday afternoon. The quota will lapse next Sunday, December 31.

But if Israel's sale of cotton goods rises by more than 25 per cent above the cancelled quota figure next year, or 50 per cent in 1974, Britain reserves the right to clamp restrictions on commodities which show an undue increase (e.g., a particular type of cloth or garment) — to shield her own industry against too quick a change. After 1974 this power too will lapse.

According to official sources in Israel, the most important aspect of this development is that "we have at last been taken off the list of low-cost countries (which include Pakistan, India, Hongkong and other places where wages are below par)."

Since Britain is entering the Common Market, its quota system is due to lapse in two years' time anyway, for all countries with which the EEC has a commercial agreement and that includes Israel.

The British had previously offered to increase Israel's quota by the same figure of 25 and 50 per cent in the two intervening years.

But Israel rejected this proposal, arguing that it does not belong to the list of low-cost countries in the first place, and therefore should in principle not be exposed to re-

strictions from which the industrialized powers are exempt.

Mr. Adin Talbar, Assistant Director-General in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, who led the negotiations, spoke to The Jerusalem Post yesterday after his return from London and Geneva. He said that Britain's present agreement to exclude Israel from the list of countries to which the quota applies is a kind of settlement out of court — so Israel's plaint before a special panel of GATT is dropped.

It is understood that the British delegation changed its position after the Board of Trade received a communication from the British Federation of Textile Manufacturers stating that, according to a unanimous opinion in the organization, Israel "does not seem any more to be a low-cost producer." As wages and prices in Israel's cotton industry are by now comparable with those prevailing in the United Kingdom, its exports no longer disrupt Britain's industry (by undercutting prices).

The margin of increase permitted in Israel's cotton sales over the next two years is far beyond Israel's needs anyway, Mr. Talbar added, since it has not so far used even the full quota allowed to date.

Israel's cotton exports declined after it stopped shipping yarn and grey cloth, precisely because rising costs of production had made this trade unprofitable. Current textile exports are based largely on wool and synthetics — though trade in sophisticated cotton products like corduroy and raincoats is increasing.

# U.S. kidnapping suspect ordered released on IL250,000 bail

**TEL AVIV.** — Stephen Ross, a 31-year-old American wanted in the U.S. on kidnapping charges, was told by a magistrate here on Friday he could be released from detention — if he put up IL250,000 bail.

Ross is wanted in the U.S. for kidnapping a child in Mexico City last August. According to the U.S. authorities, he took her to the U.S. and released her after the girl's father paid him \$105,000 ransom money.

Arrested in a Tel Aviv hotel last month, Ross was remanded pending receipt of an official extradition request from the U.S. On Friday, a representative of the State Attorney's office, Mr. Rento Yarak, asked Magistrate's Court Judge Yisrael Zohar to remand Ross for an additional 14 days. He explained that the extradition papers had not yet been sent by the U.S. authorities.

But the judge said Ross, who this morning completes his 60th day in detention, could not be held any longer and ordered him released if he could put up the IL250,000 bail. He also ordered the suspect to have his passport with the police.

# Compromise bid in Mekorot dispute

**TEL AVIV.** — The national council of Mekorot workers will meet tomorrow to decide whether to accept a compromise reached between the representatives of the workers council that met on Friday with Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati.

Under the compromise the workers would call off the strike scheduled for January 2 and the Minister has agreed to set up a nine-man committee (four from each side) with the chairman picked by both sides) to decide on how best to run the civil engineering subsidiaries of the company.

The workers have been protesting the reported intention of the government to sell the civil engineering subsidiaries of the company. They claim this would threaten their future.

# Bid to avert teachers' strike

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**TEL AVIV.** — Education Minister Yigal Alon, urged the teachers not to strike on Thursday in support of their request for regarding in the profession.

But the representatives of the elementary and secondary school teachers unions told the Minister on Friday that the decision to strike was taken by their central bodies and could not be revoked by the strike headquarters.

The teachers indicated they were prepared to conduct "intensive negotiations in an effort to avert the strike."

The central committee of the parents' association in the Tel Aviv area on Friday sent telegrams to Mr. Alon and the chairman of the teachers organizations, offering their good services in an endeavour to find a solution.

# Lod customs clerks return 'under protest'

**LOD AIRPORT.** — Lod customs clerks decided "under protest" on Friday afternoon to end their week-long closure of the customs shed here.

But the clerks, who met for a stormy four and one half hours as a large crowd waited for the customs house doors to open, nevertheless rejected Histadrut recommendations that only a third of them receive the extra-effort bonus they have been demanding, and only once.

The 160 clerks who handle Lod airfreight had closed the customs shed to the public on Monday morning. They were repeating a tactic they have been using for several months in their dispute with the customs and excise department administration.

The Histadrut committee set up to study their demands recommended on Friday that 57 of the men receive a once-only extra-effort bonus, in the form of an additional month of vacation pay. The recommendation was not received, and according to works committee chairman Michael Semyon, 10 men agreed to return to normal work only when they were promised that the Histadrut Central Committee would review the decision at its meeting today.

The clerks say they will continue to demand regular extra-effort pay for all of the customs-house staff until conditions in the out-dated installation are improved. The Finance Ministry plans to have a new freight terminal ready by the end of 1974.

# Academics union raps Histadrut

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**TEL AVIV.** — Mr. Mordechai Gani, the secretary of the Union of Graduates in Humanities and Social Studies, on Friday accused the Histadrut leadership of undermining the chances of a wage agreement for academically trained personnel.

The reference was to the Central Committee having agreed that the academics' wage schedule be applied to most of the civil service employees.

Mr. Gani informed the Ministry of Labour Relations Commissioner that the 10,000-man strong union will declare a general strike within a fortnight because the employers refused to consider re-scheduling of the employment grades. Mr. Gani's move has not been sanctioned by the Histadrut Trades Union Department, as the Histadrut regulations stipulate.

According to Mr. Gani, the Histadrut leadership failed to apply in practice the resolution of the last convention which urged the Histadrut to help academicians attain wages commensurate with their knowledge.

# 8th century B.C.E. glaciis uncovered in Jaffa dig

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**TEL AVIV.** — A massive glaciis, probably built during the reign of King Hezekiah in the 8th century B.C.E. to defend the fortress of Jaffa against Assyrian aggressors, has been discovered in the current season of digs at the southern part of Tel Jaffa. This was announced here Friday by the Municipality spokesman.

The digs are being directed on behalf of the Municipal Museum of Antiquities by Dr. Ya'akov Kaplan and his wife, Mrs. Haya Kaplan.

The function of the glaciis, or bank sloping down from the fortified wall, was to prevent the enemy from undermining the wall. So far three layers of the 30 degree-sloping glaciis have been discovered.

The bottom layer consists of beaten earth, covered by a layer of crushed sandstone, which serves as a protective sheath against the rains. The topmost layer consists of basalt sand.

The archaeologists expect to find earlier layers as they continue digging — possibly going back as far as the 17th century B.C.E.

Eleven years ago, another glaciis, also built in the 8th century B.C.E., was discovered under the floor of the *hammam* building, in the northeastern corner of the tel. The archaeologists believe both were part of the fortifications the Judean kings built to meet the host of Tiglath Pileser in the 730s B.C.E. Beit Dagon, Azor and Bnei Brak were among the cities which fell to Sennacherib who campaigned against Hezekiah, king of Judah, and his Egyptian allies about 701 B.C.E.

# Temporary dockers still on strike

**HAIFA.** — The 450 temporary dockers of Haifa port continued their strike for the fourth day on Friday, though the Labour Council still believes that it can get most of them back to work today.

However, several committee members told The Post that they would not go back to work until they were given a firm undertaking that they would receive tenures eventually. They said that their next step would be to bring their families to join them in a sit-down strike, and later a hunger strike.

A Druse committee member said they had given "the best of our strength" to the port for the past three years, and the only compromise they were willing to accept was a severance pay of IL20,000 each. They noted that the port management had already set precedents for such grants.

# Rallies held at Bir'im and Ikrit

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**NAZARETH.** — Several hundred persons took part in meetings held yesterday on the sites of the former villages of Bir'im and Ikrit, to mark the 25th anniversary of their evacuation during the War of Independence. Rakah Knesset Member Emil Habibi and about 100 Jews were among the crowd. There were no incidents.

The meetings were organized by the national committee for Bir'im and Ikrit and were addressed by Greek Catholic Archbishop Joseph Raya. This was not a day of mourning, he said, but one of celebrating a stage in the struggle for the return of the residents driven from their homes. The struggle would go on, and he said 171 Jewish and Christian clergymen in the U.S. would hold a solidarity meeting today.

Mr. Anis Shakour, of the national committee, said that the villagers had at the time been evacuated under false pretences, and called on the Prime Minister to reconsider her decision banning their return.

At Ikrit no police were present. At Bir'im six constables were seen, but they had little to do.

In advertisements in three languages the archbishop had called on soldiers who had taken part in the evacuation of the villages 25 years ago, to attend the meetings. When he asked the crowd of about 600 at Bir'im whether any such former soldier was present, no one replied.

# North Vietnam bombing

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area, comprising a total missile launchers. In addition there are more than 800 anti-aircraft, most of them radar-guided, around Hanoi, and nearly 500 are equipped with electronic "black boxes" designed to confuse radar-guided anti-aircraft missiles.

There also are supported by warfare planes, whose job it is to destroy radar, to wait for the noted visit of U.S. forces to expect these electronic devices to provide 100 per cent vulnerability to enemy aircraft.

Of 55 missing Americans, more than 10 per cent of number of 431 Americans known to be prisoners in Hanoi before the resumption of bombing on the 20th of Monday night.

Vietnam's Radio said yesterday that some U.S. pilots had been wounded in an attack on Wednesday.

The Hanoi delegation to talks said it had called a meeting with the U.S. delegation today.

Legation said in a communique that a North Vietnamese representative met an American representative yesterday morning and a declaration, which concluded with the words: "In the extremely near future a peace agreement will be signed."

# J'lem compost plant to be closed down

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**Jerusalem.** — The Municipal Executive on Friday approved the closing down of the Danco compost plant on French Hill as soon as apartment houses being built a few hundred metres away are occupied.

As for the poultry slaughterhouse in Romema, which has also been denounced by neighbours as a public nuisance, the Executive decided that it must continue to function, at least in the near future.

A permanent solution will be found when the slaughterhouse is eventually moved to the Anatot industrial area. In the meantime, engineers will seek to reduce the noise and smell from the existing plant.

The Executive called on the Government to authorize stiffer punishments for contractors and others who create public nuisances by dumping and for failure to put up warning signs around construction areas.

# Zim freighter damaged at sea

**HAIFA.** — Damage estimated at more than IL1m. was caused when the Zim freighter m.s. Galila got caught in a fierce North Sea storm earlier this month.

The ship itself sustained superficial damage, but three containers filled with valuable goods were washed into the sea by the high waves, it was learned on Friday.

The Galila has arrived in Haifa, and she will sail according to schedule, the Zim spokesman said on Friday.

# Promotion for Military Judge

**Sigmund Moshe David**, judge in the Military Court of Appeals, has been promoted to the rank of Air-Major.

# Arafat: We didn't rocket U.S. Embassy

**Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter**

The Lebanese security forces were over the weekend reported to be investigating the involvement of the Palestinian terrorist movement in the rocket attack on the U.S. Embassy in Beirut last Wednesday night.

Beirut reports indicated that at least one of three detained suspects was a member of Falah. The three were arrested after identifying the car from which the rockets were fired at the seashore embassy, which was seriously damaged.

Lebanon's Premier Sa'eb Salam on Friday summoned Falah chief Yasser Arafat from Damascus for a meeting. But Arafat later denied that his men were involved.

Salam said that Arafat assured him that none of the sabotage groups was responsible for the attack.

# Spoken Arabic for fifth-graders

**TEL AVIV.** — An experiment in teaching spoken Arabic to fifth-graders will begin next fall in 10 Israeli schools. Education Ministry adviser Dan Ronen said here over the weekend.

In an interview broadcast by Galei Zahal, Dr. Ronen said that if the pilot project succeeds the plan will be extended to all Israel's elementary schools. He said the aim was to enable Jewish children to converse with Arab children (Hebrew-speaking children at present begin with literary Arabic). (Ilim)

# Nixon gets Thieu message

**KEY BISCAYNE, Florida (AP).** — President Nixon received a hand-delivered message Friday to his reported threat to cut off aid to Saigon if President Nguyen Van Thieu refuses to sign a peace agreement.

Thieu's letter was delivered by Gen. Alexander M. Haig, after he returned from talks in Saigon. It was handed to Nixon as the President convened a two-hour Vietnam strategy session with Haig and Foreign Affairs adviser Henry Kissinger.

The White House would not disclose contents of the letter, but there were indications Thieu offered to ease up on his demand for withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops if Hanoi will recognize South Vietnam as a separate state.

Presidential Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said "The President is determined to take every step he can to move the situation to a point where a negotiated settlement can be reached... to bring the war to an end rapidly."

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# Bombings shatter truce in Ulster

BELFAST (AP). — A minute after the Irish Republican Army (I.R.A.) truce was scheduled to start at midnight two bombs blasted a Masonic Hall in the Antrim Road of Belfast yesterday.

Later a gunman fired at a British soldier in a Roman Catholic area of the city. An Army spokesman said the soldier was on foot patrol at the junction of Springfield and Kashmir Roads. A high velocity bullet whistled past his head and ricocheted off a wall.

The Nationalist "Provisional" Wing of the I.R.A. said in announcing its 72-hour truce that it would take up arms immediately if troops carried out search and arrest operations.

The truce, similar to one proclaimed last Christmas, came after one of the bloodiest 48 hours in the province's communal strife. Gunmen killed nine persons and bombs damaged property in major towns including Belfast. In three years of guerrilla warfare 678 lives have been lost.

Despite the truce the Ulster Defence Association (U.D.A.), a militant Protestant vigilante group, refused to join in the ceasefire due to end at midnight Christmas Day.

"We don't see why we should," said the U.D.A.'s deputy leader, Tommy Herron. "They started the whole mess. People guilty of atrocities will always be sought out at any time and brought to justice."

# Danish F.M. thinks Israel would bargain

COPENHAGEN (UPI). — Danish Foreign Minister K.B. Andersen returned from a five-day visit to Israel on Friday and said he had received the impression that Israeli leaders want peace and negotiations. Mr. and Mrs. Andersen arrived by Swissair from Lod.

Andersen met with Prime Minister Golda Meir and Foreign Minister Abba Eban a month after he paid a similar visit to Egypt.

"It's my impression Israel is willing to bargain, even to pay a price to get a lasting peace. But they are not going to sit down at the table with the outcome a foregone conclusion," Andersen told newsmen at Kastrup Airport.

Admitting the Jarring mission is in a "deadlock," Andersen said: "It only they (the two parties in the Middle East conflict) could agree on the procedure to open talks, I'm sure a solution is in sight."

On the question of Jewish immigration, Andersen said: "It was my impression the Israeli leaders wanted Denmark to continue to use direct and internal channels to influence the various countries — without a lot of publicity."

Andersen said Denmark's membership in the European Common Market from January 1 made no change in its relations to Israel.

"We are in opposition to the other EEC countries as far as recent votes in the United Nations are concerned but there will be no change in our standpoint. In fact if other EEC countries, and France in particular, would change their views, then the chances of peace in the Middle East would improve."



Members of a Chilean rescue patrol with one of the men who survived for two months after an Uruguayan plane had crashed in the Andes. (AP radiophoto)

# Rescued two months after air crash

SANTIAGO, Chile. — Two helicopters yesterday rescued the last eight of 16 survivors from the site of a Uruguayan Air Force plane which crashed high in the Andes on October 13, the Chilean Air Force said yesterday.

Doctors reported late on Friday that the first group of eight rescued were "in surprisingly good condition."

The eight were picked up in the morning by two Chilean Air Force helicopters and flown to San Fernando, a small town, 120 kms. south of Santiago, for hospitalization.

By the early evening, they looked

so well that parents and other next of kin who flew in from Uruguay, were allowed to see them for a quarter of an hour.

Dr. Jose Mele, a member of the medical team attending them, told newsmen: "Except for a few minor injuries common in such cases, none of them suffered any serious harm."

The other eight spent the night in the wreck of the plane.

The Chilean Air Force helicopters were forced to suspend the rescue because of weather conditions. They had braved severe turbulence to reach the survivors, more than 12,000 feet up in the Andes, near the Argentine border. (AP, UPI)

# ACADEMIC IS NEW HEAD OF C.I.A.

WASHINGTON (AP). — Dr. James Rohny Schlesinger is to succeed Richard Helms as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.), Ronald Ziegler, White House press secretary, said on Friday.

President Nixon will nominate Helms as Ambassador to Iran.

Schlesinger, who has been chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) since August, 1971, would rate low marks if the nation needed to match the fictional image of James Bond with his CIA post.

Schlesinger, an academic by training, is a dedicated family man with eight children.

While working for the Federal Budget Bureau, he drove to work in what an aide described as "an

old beat-up car that has a blue book (list) value of about \$45 — he gave me a ride home one night, and I was afraid of the brakes."

As chairman of the AEC, Schlesinger graduated to more luxurious transportation, rating a Mercury with a chauffeur.

Schlesinger brings to his new job a background in economics and social science including an associate professorship in economics at the University of Virginia, and service at the Rand Corp. where he advised the government on nuclear arms and other national security subjects. He joined the Budget Bureau in 1968 and became an assistant director when the agency became the Office of Management and Budget.

# Pontiff asks quick end to Vietnam war

VATICAN CITY (Reuter). — Pope Paul, concentrating on the theme of peace yesterday spoke out for the fourth time on Vietnam in a week and appealed for a quick end to the war.

In his Christmas address to the Sacred College of Cardinals, the 75-year-old Pontiff said the Vietnam peace negotiations had been broken off for apparently insufficient motives.

He warned the world's leaders they would have no moral authority before history if they failed to search untriflingly for peace.

Since the Vietnam talks breakdown, he added, "the unforeseen worsening of events has intensified bitterness and anxiety in world opinion."

"With increased fervour we offer up our prayer that the oppressive conflict may have as soon as possible an equitable and satisfactory solution," he added.

In the major speech to the Cardinals, in which the Pope traditionally reviews church and world affairs during the past year, he also warned of the danger to peace in the Middle East and once again appealed for reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

# Paris denies Mirages missing

PARIS (AP). — The French Defence Ministry denied yesterday that three Mirage jets had been "spirited" out of France and flown to Israel early this year. (A denial was also issued by an Israeli Air Force spokesman in Tel Aviv.)

"To our knowledge nothing like this has happened, and none of our planes are missing," the French statement said.

The report of the missing jets appeared in the Copenhagen news paper "Aktuellet," which said the exploit had been masterminded by Swiss-born businessman, Jacques Bassen.

He was said to have arranged for three Jewish pilots living in Turkey to come to France and fly the jets out.

The newspaper said the operation was represented at the sale of a Dutch firm.

A French Defence Ministry spokesman was asked whether the planes could be missing without the Ministry's knowledge. "Of course not," he replied.

# Israelis may be behind Paris bomb attack

PARIS (Reuter). — The independent newspaper "Le Monde" suggested on Friday that "the Israeli secret services" might be behind the recent bomb attack on a Palestinian representative here.

It said that the attack apparently marked the end of a tacit agreement between Israelis and Palestinians not to battle against each other on French territory.

Referring to a bomb explosion, which seriously injured Palestinian representative Mahmoud el Ham-

chari in his apartment on December 8, "Le Monde" said: "The inquiry carried out by the police has reached a dead end, but the main presumption of responsibility fall on the Israeli secret services."

"The attack of which Mr. Hamchari was the victim seems in any case to indicate that France has ceased to be the 'no-man's-land' where Israelis and Palestinians abstain from fighting each other."

Hamchari was injured when he picked up his telephone and set off a bomb apparently connected to it. The newspaper dismissed as unlikely the possibility that he had been picked out as a target by rival Arab groups or hostile Jordanians.

It referred to a series of preceding actions aimed at Palestinian representatives in Rome, Beirut, Sweden, Denmark and Germany.

"Le Monde" referred also to the arrest of two armed Israelis near Hamchari's apartment in the days preceding the explosion.

"Le Monde" pointed out that Israel Premier Golda Meir had said recently that "the terrorists must know that they will not be secure anywhere... We have no other solution than to hit them wherever we can reach them."

# Plane designer Tupolev dies

MOSCOW (UPI). — Andrei N. Tupolev, one of the world's top aircraft designers who created everything from a wooden monoplane to the world's first supersonic airplane, the TU-144, died yesterday, a Tass News Agency editor said.

The editor said word had been received of Tupolev's death, but he had no details.

Last month, just before his 84th birthday, Tupolev was personally presented his third Hero of Socialist Labour medal by President Nikolai V. Podgorny.

Tupolev's design bureau turned out more than 100 planes, including a carbon copy of an out-of-fuel American bomber that became one of the Soviet Union's best aerial weapons.

# Egypt warns against rumour-mongering

CAIRO (UPI). — The Arab Socialist Union — Egypt's only political party — warned its members yesterday against rumour-mongering and said violators will be brought to disciplinary committees, political sources said.

The union said its members were free to speak out their minds but should confine expressing their views "within the union and not at factories and other public places."

# Egypt to blame for failure in Kuwait

CAIRO (Reuter). — Mohammed Hassanein Heykal, editor of the authoritative newspaper "Al-Ahram," on Friday blamed Egypt for the failure of the joint Arab Defence Council meeting in Kuwait last month.

In his weekly article in "Al-Ahram," Mr. Heykal said Egypt had gone to the meeting without "a clear strategy for Arab action."

"Let us be fair with ourselves and admit frankly that the Kuwait conference did not succeed because Egypt did not offer the meeting the necessary elements for its success," he wrote.

"Egypt cannot go to an Arab conference to simply ask the others what they have got to offer. Egypt must be ready with a clear plan to explain, then invite the others to share in it."

Mr. Heykal asked: "Who else is capable of mapping out such a plan? Would it be the sultans and sheikhs or Egypt, which has some knowledge of the science and technology of the age?"

He listed the series of Arab summit conferences held since 1964 and said that every time Egypt submitted a plan of action, the others approved it.

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# Bonn plans economic talks with Cairo

By BRIAN ARTHUR, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

DONN. — West Germany hopes to start economic negotiations with Cairo, possibly at the end of January, if the prospects for success look good, a Bonn spokesman said here this week.

The talks are expected to centre on the massive debts incurred by Egypt in the past and possibly on a capital aid agreement.

The planned negotiations with Egypt will follow in the wake of a successful agreement between Bonn and Algeria last week. West Germany will provide Algeria with 70 million marks in capital aid for 1972.

The revival of a 1964 capital aid agreement — of roughly the same amount — is still being discussed, and also the question of technical and scientific cooperation.

The spokesman made clear he regarded the accord with Algeria as indicative of Bonn's present ties with the Arab world after a seven-year vacuum during which West Germany and most Arab states had no diplomatic relations. The Arab-West German break followed Bonn's recognition of Israel.

Despite the break of relations, Bonn's exports to Algeria rose fourfold from 1965 to 1971.

# Turkish professor gets six years

ANKARA (Reuter). — Professor Ugur Alacakaptan, former dean of Ankara University's Law Faculty, was sentenced to a total of six years and four months imprisonment by a martial law court yesterday for supporting anarchistic activities at the faculty.

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The court also handed out jail sentences to three others for alleged involvement in the student riots between 1969 and 1971.

The riots, coupled with mounting urban guerrilla activity, led to the imposition of martial law in 11 key provinces in April 1971 and subsequent imprisonment and dismissal of hundreds of leftwing sympathizers.

# Amin blasts Jews in BBC interview

LONDON (INA). — In an interview for BBC Television, President Idi Amin of Uganda delivered an anti-Semitic outburst entirely out of context. He suddenly exclaimed, "The economy of the United States is controlled by Jews." And "In Britain a great part of the economy is controlled by Jews."

Actually this diatribe about the Jews upset Amin's own thesis. He was trying to show that in every country the majority group is in control of the economy, and that he wants to achieve the same for Uganda.

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# 'Block watchers' to fight N.Y. crime

NEW YORK (Reuter). — A small army of civilians will soon be joining police patrolmen in the watch for burglaries and muggings along the streets of New York.

The Association for a Better New York has announced plans to enlist doormen and superintendents of apartment blocks to act as "block watchers."

They will be asked to watch their street and immediately call the police as soon as they see anything suspicious.

The association's chairman, Mr. Lewis Rudin, said the group hoped to enroll more than 2,000 building owners and invite them to contribute funds and volunteer the services of their employees to make the idea work.

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# 'Some Indian Jews want to leave Israel'

By TREVOR DREBERG, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW DELHI. — Some Jews who migrated to Israel from India wish to return to this country, the Deputy Minister of External Affairs, Surendra Pal Singh, told Parliament here.

Asked by a member of the Lok Sabha (lower house) whether the government was aware that there was "a lot of discrimination against Indian Jews in Israel," the Minister replied: "Some reports of discrimination have reached the government of India."

He also said the figures of Jews who had migrated to Israel in the last three years from India were being collected and would be table in the house.

When asked how the government had reacted to the desire of some migrants to return, he explained that Indian law did not provide for automatic restoration of Indian citizenship if a citizen had renounced it.

He added that applications for restoration "are dealt with under the laws governing the acquisition of Indian citizenship."

# Japanese Premier re-elected

TOKYO (AP). — Kakuei Tanaka, president of the ruling Liberal-Democratic Party, was re-elected Japan's Prime Minister Friday by new lower house voted into office in a general election December 1. The Diet (Parliament) convenes a 150-day special session at which Tanaka's cabinet resigned. A new cabinet was to be named yesterday.

# Chad office for Arab terrorists

TUNIS. — President Franco Tombalbaye has agreed to let Palestinian terrorists open a office in Chad, the Tunis Press Agency said yesterday.

Tombalbaye, who recently broke relations with Israel, met with leaders of the Palestinian resistance Thursday in Tripoli, where he was paying an official visit.

A Beirut report says that President Idi Amin of Uganda warned recently that he would close down the Palestine Liberation Organization office in Kampala.

The Beirut newspaper "Al-Moharrez" said yesterday that the Ugandan President had been persuaded to negotiate with the P.L.O.'s failure to designate a representative for terrorist-Jordanian reconciliation talks which Amin has arranged in Kampala.

"Al-Moharrez" said that the deal line for Amin's warning was last Tuesday. The P.L.O. in the meantime wrote to the Ugandan President that the terrorist movement would be prepared to negotiate with Jordan on condition that Amin first declared his commitment to the Cairo agreement, which provided for a terrorist presence in Jordan.

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Season at half-way mark
Ramat Gan Hakoah
regains League lead

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
L. AVIV. — With the National League football season at the half-way mark, Hakoah of Ramat Gan yesterday regained the League derahip from Tel Aviv Hapoel.

Zvi Farkas suspended until next week. Jaffa Maccabi's centre forward Nathan Hirsch was injured in the 90th minute, and was replaced by Pinhas Kinnasch.

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Jerusalem Hapoel's first defeat in nine years. At the other end of the table, Maccabi Hapoel scored their first win of the season, beating Tel Aviv Hapoel 1:0 thanks to penalty spot kick in the 70th minute.

WIN OF DAY
thirteen thousand fans at the stadium saw Shimonson, Yehonatan Quarter team, pull off win of the day. Their centre forward Romano scored a hat-trick, his two goals coming already in third and fifth minutes.

LEADING ROLE
Petah Tikva Maccabi returned to a leading role in championship affairs with a useful 2:1 win over Netanya Maccabi.

CHANCES MISSED
At the Y.M.C.A. stadium in Jerusalem, 4,000 saw the home side miss many fine scoring chances against Haifa Maccabi, which played a tight defensive game.



Bejerano, Tel Aviv Hapoel's goalie, looks on helplessly as the ball enters the net from the boot of Romano, not seen, for Shimonson's fourth goal.

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FINAL RUGBY TRIAL HELD IN CAPITAL

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
Israel's Probables scored a handsome 26-6 victory over the Possibles in the local rugby football union's third and final trial for next week's tour here of the Cyprus Lions, a British Army rugby team based on the island.

Maccabi world chiefs meet

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
RAMAT GAN. — The Executive of the Maccabi World Union last night began a plenary meeting at Kfar Hamaocabbiah here. Some 30 delegates, hailing from nearly 15 countries on every continent, are taking part in this annual gathering which is also being attended by a dozen prominent young Maccabi members who are seen as future leaders of the worldwide movement.

Arsenal and Leeds both drop a point
Liverpool open 2-point gap at top of table

LONDON (Reuter). — Crisis club Manchester United welcomed new manager Tommy Docherty by snatching a priceless point in a one-one draw against powerful Leeds United in their English Football League First Division match yesterday.

Table titled 'English League Division 1 Standing'. Lists various football clubs like Liverpool, Arsenal, Leeds, etc., along with their points, wins, draws, and losses.

Slow bowlers dominate first Test in India

NEW DELHI (Reuter). — India plunged back into trouble after the deadly wrist spin of Bhagwat Chandraokar of Madhya Pradesh, who had an even chance against England in the first test here yesterday.

Caesarea Golf

CASESAREA. — Yesterday's Betterball Stableford competition was won by Vernon Gad of Haifa and Elias Hason of Givatayim with 43 points.

DOCHERTY JOINS MANCHESTER UNITED

Tommy Docherty, one of the most controversial figures in British soccer, has been signed by Manchester United as manager in place of Frank O'Farrell who was sacked on Tuesday.

German Jews donate to Wingate

JERUSALEM (Post Reporter)
TEL AVIV. — German Jewry has made a donation of IL600,000 to the Wingate Institute of Sport and Physical Education for the building of modern accommodation for national teams.

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# Stalin's death — and the aftermath

MOSCOW (UPI). — There was a universal atmosphere of fear and oppression in the nation the night in March, 1953, when I learned that Josef Stalin was dying.

About midnight March 3, I was called to the telephone at the central telegraph office and asked to meet a friend around the corner. Avoiding the attention of other correspondents also in the office, I sneaked out of the building to meet the friend who brought the earth-shaking news — Stalin had suffered a stroke which at his age, 74, could be fatal. He had survived two other strokes.

I rushed back to the telegraph office, ordered urgent calls to London and several other points which I was prepared to hold all night, if necessary, and prepared six flash messages to New York.

I gently approached the girl receptionist before my competitors could notice and made a little speech, "I am sorry to give you this but it comes from a good source and it cannot be helped."

The girl's reaction was biological and instantaneous. She tore my messages into bits and flung them in my face. Such was the mystique of Stalin's personality and his hold on peoples' psyches that the girl, a member of the Komsomol (Young Communist League), like most of her contemporaries seemed to believe Stalin to be immortal.

I could not send the story until several hours later when it was officially announced.

The next few weeks were sleepless. Late in the evening of March 5 I was advised of Stalin's death hours ahead of the official announcement. Again the hopeless task of outwitting the censors.

I had kept an open line to London and whenever I uttered the word Stalin I was cut off. Luckily, one of our ace writers and editors, Bob Musel, was holding the London side of the line. After abortive attempts to communicate the news for which the entire world was waiting I tried a stratagem.

The next time Musel picked up the telephone I did not tell, I asked: "you know what happened, Bob?" "Stalin died?" he responded. I just had the split second to say "yes" when the line was cut. But Musel who, like me, had been on the job for days, did the rest. We were hours ahead of the official confirmation.

The immediate Soviet reaction to Stalin's death was shock, grief and worry. It was not to last too long. But the first few days before and after the funeral, March 9, people did weep on the streets. Molotov, whose Jewish wife was in prison — she had been arrested for having been too friendly with Golda Meir — broke down and wept at the

When Josef Stalin died, an atmosphere of oppression, fear and terror pervaded the Soviet Union. Yet he was almost deified by the nation. In this sixth instalment of his personal account of four decades as a reporter in Moscow, Henry Shapiro writes about Stalin's death, and the events which followed.

final obsequies. So did many men, women and children. "What will happen to us now that Comrade Stalin is dead, will America attack us?" I heard Russians ask. Stalin had been the "friend and protector" for about three decades. He had been built up in popular imagination as the savior of all good. The sun rose and set with Stalin and many could not think of life without him.

The popular anxiety was also expressed in the appeal to the nation by the triumvirate that took immediate power — Premier Georgi M. Malenkov, Vice Premier Molotov and Lavrenti Beria — "to avoid panic and disarray." To this day no one has satisfactorily explained what they meant by that phrase.

How fragile the Stalin legend was became obvious soon after the funeral. On March 23 there was an article in "Izvestia," the government newspaper, praising Karl Marx for his "modesty" and for his repudiation of all efforts to idolize him.

People raised their eyebrows when they read that the adulation or deification of man was "a Fascist practice." The euphemistic phrase "personality cult" was born.

Stalin's name was not mentioned in "Izvestia" but Russians for decades had been used to reading between the lines knew exactly who had practised the "personality cult" and what the words meant.

As if by magic, the atmosphere rapidly improved. Old Russian friends who had shunned me for years and gone into hiding (from me) unexpectedly showed up and were as warm and friendly as Russians can be among themselves.

It was no accident the American and British embassies, located across the street and river from the Kremlin, and which had been given notice before Stalin's death to move to more remote areas, were told they could stay put.

It was clearly the end of an epoch and the beginning of a new one. When Lenin died in 1924 there was relatively little doubt about his successor. During his long, incapacitating illness the Soviet founder had singled out the men he considered the ablest Communists — War Commissar Leon Trotsky and Party Secretary-General Joseph V. Stalin. He also described the weaknesses of each, criticizing them severely and recommending neither of them succeed him. Almost on his deathbed he suggested the removal of Stalin.



Red Army marshals, carrying Stalin's medals and decorations on ceremonial red pillows, form ranks beside honour guard at Stalin's bier. From left: First two unidentified, Meretskov, Timoshenko, Konev, Govorov, Sokolovsky and Budennyi.

The situation was quite different after Stalin's death. There was no clearly designated successor. There had been no Communist Congress, constitutionally the party's supreme ruling body, for 13 years, until October, 1952, about five months before Stalin died.

Stalin did not bother to deliver the main report to the Congress as he had always done before and entrusted the job to his top aide, Georgi M. Malenkov. To many observers this was sufficient to consider Malenkov the heir-apparent.

To others the 51-year-old Malenkov was thought neither old nor experienced enough to take over the mantle of leadership. Old Bolshevik Vyacheslav M. Molotov, who won his revolutionary laurels under Lenin and had become Stalin's most intimate associate, was thought the logical successor.

**Khrushchev 'obscure'**  
No one even mentioned the name of the obscure Nikita S. Khrushchev who, although a Russian, had spent most of his life in the Ukraine and, as a result of Stalin's purges, had risen rapidly in the party ranks.

Malenkov took over both of Stalin's jobs — the premiership and party secretaryship — making him nominally at least the new Vozhd (supreme leader).

Among the first to hail the new chief and pledge allegiance to the leadership of the Communist camp under Comrade Malenkov was China's Mao Tse-tung who, although long at loggerheads with him, had always been in awe of and still revered Stalin.

Actually, the country was ruled by an informal triumvirate consisting of Malenkov, Molotov and security chief Lavrenti Beria. The trio delivered funeral orations for Stalin and jointly issued policy statement and decrees.

It was immediately obvious to Moscow observers that the Troika did not trust one another and its sway would be temporary. The leaders had apparently learned enough from their experience under Stalin to fear the concentration of supreme power in one man's hand. Furthermore, Molotov and Malenkov had reasons to be anxious about Beria who not only controlled all the secret police dossiers, but had an army of his own with which he could easily have seized absolute power.

death warrants. Khrushchev was to outwit and overthrow them all. Early that summer the Moscow grapevine, which had shriveled considerably under Stalin — but had been reinvigorated since his death — brought reports of trouble with Beria.

According to East Europeans who had reasons to know, the Soviet Army General Staff — by accident — learned that one or two divisions under Beria's command, under the guise of manoeuvres, were approaching Moscow. Deadly phrases such as "planning a coup" were bandied about. Uncheckable rumours of Beria's arrest were widespread.

One day we heard a report the Central Committee had met night-long on Beria's case. Rumours grew. That Beria was in trouble seemed to be clinched one Saturday night when the entire ruling Party Presidium (Politburo), as it demonstratively, showed up at the Bolshoi Theatre. All members but Beria.

The joint attendance at the Bolshoi without Beria showed not only that something was seriously wrong with the most dreaded man in the country but also connoted a declaration of unity under the remaining triumvirate, Molotov and Malenkov. The censors, of course, saw to it that my story about this did not get out.

**Beria's arrest**  
The arrest of Beria on charges of plotting to seize power, espionage, criminal abuse of police power and sabotage of the economy was confirmed officially a few days later.

How the most powerful man in the country could be so easily arrested — then executed — without provoking a blood bath was a question that troubled us here at the time. I was not to learn the true story until several years later, most of it from the mouth of Khrushchev himself and confirmed by other sources.

Briefly: at the very outset of the triumvirate rule, Beria sought to usurp increased power for himself. Khrushchev complained that he, the First Secretary of the Communist Party, had no effective authority with Beria and his secret police.

Fearing the emergence of another one-man dictatorship, all other members of the Politburo agreed to arrest Beria. To do it they requested the help of the army and some anti-Beria elements of the security services. Nikolai Bulganin was Defence Minister and Marshal Georgi Zhukov his first deputy. Also in on the deal was Marshal Kirill Moskalenko, commander of the Moscow military garrison who had once been arrested by Beria. Moskalenko agreed to provide a group of trusted officers who were willing to engage in a shootout with Beria's bodyguards.

guards under control of Beria, by riding with Bulganin from his office at the General Staff outside the Kremlin. As Defence Minister Bulganin, wearing a Marshal's uniform, and his passengers drove past the guards into the Presidium's conference room.

Party Secretary Khrushchev had called a routine meeting of the Presidium which the unsuspecting Beria was to attend. Bulganin and his officers arrived, minutes earlier, the officers taking their position in a room next to the conference room. Beria arrived and, according to custom, left his personal bodyguards at the entrance to the main floor.

No sooner were the Presidium seated than Malenkov stood up to read a resolution on behalf of the Government and the Central Committee accusing Beria of high crimes and misdemeanours and ordering his arrest.

When Beria stood up to protest Malenkov pressed a button and instantly Zhukov, Moskalenko and other officers walked in, disarmed him, escorted him to Bulganin's car and took him to the guardhouse of a unit under Moskalenko's command where he was held until his trial and execution in December. (Next: The Rise of Nikita Khrushchev.)

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# Costa Rica needs a Histadrut

By Lea Lovavi  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

COSTA Rica's ambassador to Israel, Carmen Naranjo, wishes her country workers had an organization like our Histadrut. "It does workers a great deal of good and does important things for the country, too."

Mrs. Naranjo, a divorcee with no children, has always been interested in fighting for social improvements in her country. Though she studied zoology and pathology, has written poetry and novels and has taught literature, she inevitably returns to being a social reformer. She is now on leave of absence for two years from her job as administrative manager of Costa Rica's national security system.



CARMEN NARANJO

"I don't know about this country, in my country big institutions are very bureaucratic," she told me when I met her at her embassy in Jerusalem. "I reformed things in social security system by reorganizing my staff to think about people and not about pieces of paper. I also personally see anyone who asks to see the manager, even if it means I have to work from 6 in the morning till ten at night, I do everything finished."

She took her present ambassadorial post "because our President

asked if I'd like to, and I said of course." Many people are shocked, she said, when they come to the embassy and see a woman. (The only other woman there is her secretary, Esther.) "They ask me why my country sent a woman and I have to tell them the truth — that I don't know. But doesn't a woman have just as much right to be an ambassador as a man does?"

Though relations between Israel and Costa Rica have always been excellent — as evidenced by Costa Rica's all-out support for Israel in recent

United Nations debates — Mrs. Naranjo is sure relations could be even better. She would like to try to increase commercial relations, and is positive cultural exchange can and will be broadened.

But Mrs. Naranjo is also interested in really getting to know Israelis. "You can't do that at tea parties or cocktail parties. You have to talk to people on the streets, get acquainted with your neighbors and try to get to know the people who come to the embassy."

Through short articles for the Costa Rican press, the ambassador is trying to bring something of Israel to the Costa Rican people. "I wrote about Hanukkah for instance. I think that if you learn another country's traditions and customs, you can love that country better."

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Her stay here, she hopes, can help her continue her work for social betterment in Costa Rica. "Rice is a poor country, far less developed than Israel. (Costa Rica, population about two million, has always claimed to be the only Latin American country which has consistently spent more money on education than on defense; it has a long tradition of democracy, and its history has been one of constitutional government instead of military juntas or dictators.)

She hopes Israel can help her country in agriculture and she would also like to see Costa Rica copy certain of our ideas and organizations — such as the Histadrut.

Costa Rican women are still having difficulty obtaining high-level positions, she said, but she is sure increased education will help solve the problem. "Without education, women can only demand equality — they can't win it. But if men and women study together and later work together, I think the women will be able to show what they can do."



Tel Aviv policewomen had a party last week with the children and their parents, at Beit Rovina, one of the Working Mother's Association day creches in Shekumat Hatikva.

# U.S. women's groups claim Nixon tokenism

WASHINGTON (AP). — WOMEN'S organizations requested a meeting with President Nixon Tuesday to learn why more women have not been appointed to high positions in his second Administration.

The representatives of 17 women's groups said they also want Nixon to define the duties and responsibilities of Anne Armstrong, who has just been named a White House Counsellor with Cabinet rank.

"It's a very undefined job," said Virginia Mills, spokeswoman for the United Presbyterian Task Force for Women at a news conference. "It sounds like a token appointment to me."

"Creating a special spot for a woman does not establish a climate of acceptability for women in this administration," said Olga Madar, a Vice-President of the United Auto Workers. "Instead it reeks of tokenism at its worst."

The participants in the news conference also expressed concern that Nixon had requested and accepted the resignation of Elizabeth Kowitz as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labour for women's programmes.

"To women in and out of government this is a real step backward for women," said Daisy E. Fields, representing federally employed women. "She made the women's bureau a household word and a highly respected organization. She has no peer."

Despite condemning it as tokenism, the women's groups said they were pleased with the appointment of Mrs. Armstrong, who is now Vice Chairman of the Republican National Committee, and hoped Nixon would follow it up by naming more women to responsible jobs.



Anne Armstrong, only woman member of President Nixon's second term administration.

But his record during the first four years of his Administration gives them little comfort, they said.

The Federation of Organizations for Professional Women said only two per cent of federal employees in supergrade positions are women, only one of 15 appointments to Federal Judgeships in the past four years has gone to a woman, and only three of the 125 ambassadors Nixon has appointed are women.

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# Dedication today of child development centre

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
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Participating in the programme are Dr. Weinger, members of family, and Mr. Edward Ginsburg, Chairman of the American Distribution Committee, all from arriving from the Dr. Baruch Padeh, Director-General of the Ministry of Health, Dr. Shai Shani, Director of the Medical Centre, and Mrs. Ruth, chairman of the Friends of Sheba Centre, will be present a ceremony.

At a cost of over IL1,000,000, the institute is devoted to the early diagnosis and treatment of physical and mental handicaps in very young. It will house the Child Assessment Centre for the

retarded, created by JDC Malben in 1963, as well as a neuro-metabolic disease study and treatment unit and a child development clinic.

The new institute is one of the seven centres initiated by JDC-Malben and which already exist in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Beer-sheva, while similar ones are being set up at the Assaf Harofeh and Ashdod Hospitals.

# New York post office gets Santa Claus' mail

By Marc Charney  
NEW YORK (AP). — A SEVEN-year-old girl in North-ern Ireland and another in the Irish Republic to the South have found they can reach Santa Claus at the same place — the general post office in New York.

In both cases, Santa went by

the name of Elyse Feldman, a high school teacher who is one of a number of New Yorkers who each year go to the post office, pick up batches of letters addressed to Santa, and answer them.

Last week she picked up a group of about 50, most of them from poor areas of New York, to bring to a party at which friends would match them with gifts.

In the batch was a letter from Anna Marie McIvor, 7, of Upper Mullan Ballinderry Bridge, Cookstown, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland. And there was one from Ethna Joyce, 7, with a postmark identifying her town as Clifden, a coastal town about 50 miles west of Galway City.

Somewhat, Miss Feldman said, both girls got the idea they could address mail to Santa through the New York Post Office. Anna is getting stationery and some toys and Ethna will get a doll, both with the return address: "Santa Claus, The North Pole."

The letters the little girls sent Santa were among thousands — most addressed to the North Pole — that are stored in a separate room at the General Post Office and distributed to groups and individuals who ask for them, the U.S. Postal Service said.

The 50 letters Miss Feldman gathered were answered at a party at her Manhattan apartment to which each of the 20 guests brought a bundle of toys.

# FIONA IN WONDERLAND

By Sue Cass  
LONDON (FWF). — WHEN Lord Snowdon photographed 15-year-old Fiona Fullerton, he forecast that her delicate beauty would make her a "Face of the Seventies." By the end of this year, his prediction should have come true.



A giant Alice (Fiona Fullerton) talks to the diminutive White Rabbit (Michael Crawford) in the new film musical Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

Fiona Fullerton is a cool, self-assured schoolgirl who has just completed her first starring role in Josef Shuffel's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" with an impressive galaxy of co-stars reading like a film world's Who's Who. There are Peter Sellers, Sir Ralph Richardson, Sir Robert Helpmann, Dame Flora Robson and Spike Milligan, Dudley Moore and Michael Crawford. "But it really doesn't make a scrap of difference to me whether I'm acting with Joe Bluggs or a grand theatre knight," declares grown-up Fiona, who is now on a world tour during her school's Christmas holidays, to promote the film.

Pressed further, Fiona does admit that it was rather exciting acting alongside Peter Sellers. The last time she saw him was when she asked his chauffeur to get his autograph for her at the age of nine.

"As Alice, Fiona is barely off the screen for 60 seconds during the two-hour long film. "The atmosphere on the set was marvellous," she continued. "When we shot the Mad Hatter's tea party, Peter Sellers was given an enormous bowl of lettuce to munch and, when the camera focused on him for his first line, he was speechless. He was so hungry, he'd stuffed his whole face with lettuce. And then Dudley Moore as the Dormouse kept us all in hysterics as his false teeth continually fell in the teapot each time he opened his mouth."

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**INGENIOUS DEVICES**

Devices like periscopes were built into costumes to enable actors to see where they were going when wearing their complicated masks. Many were limited to liquid lunches throughout the shooting, as the only way to reach their mouths while in costume was through a straw. And as no known bird has feathers large enough for use on the big screen, human bodies were squeezed into the shape of birds with the aid of foam rubber padding covered with feathers made from stiff organza.

Many models are electronically controlled. The Cheshire Cat moves its tail to order by pressing a button inside the costume, and the pale pink flamingoes have gadgets built into their necks to make them turn round or drink at director William Sterling's orders.

Roy Whybrow's most difficult task was to produce a substance to enable Alice to emerge from the "pool of tears" bone dry. This was made from a special liquid which left her completely dry even after being immersed in water. "It really worked," said a wide-eyed Fiona, "but no one will say exactly how."

Now Alice from Wonderland is once again Lieutenant-Colonel Fullerton's daughter from Shrivensham, Wiltshire, dreaming of the day when she'll be a full-time actress. Because "it would be big headed," chestnut-haired Fiona is not talking to her schoolfriends about her film experiences unless she's asked. "When I played Alice, it really was like stepping through a looking glass into the most magical wonderland."

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# U.S. Air Force nurse wins battle

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In a brief statement, the Air Force said Capt. Struck, 28, of Louisville, Kentucky, has been granted a waiver allowing her to remain on active duty. She is stationed at an air force base in North Dakota.

The Air Force sought to discharge Miss Struck ever since she became pregnant while serving at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam, in early 1970. Her baby, a girl, was born December 3, 1970, and was given up for adoption.

At the time, Air Force Regulations required automatic discharge

in the case of pregnancy regardless of marital status unless the pregnancy was terminated.

But in March 1971 the Regulations were modified to permit waivers. However, the service continued to press for Capt. Struck's dismissal and denied her waiver in June, 1971, while granting waivers to other women in similar circumstances.

Since the Regulations were modified, an Air Force spokesman said more than 200 women have received waivers.

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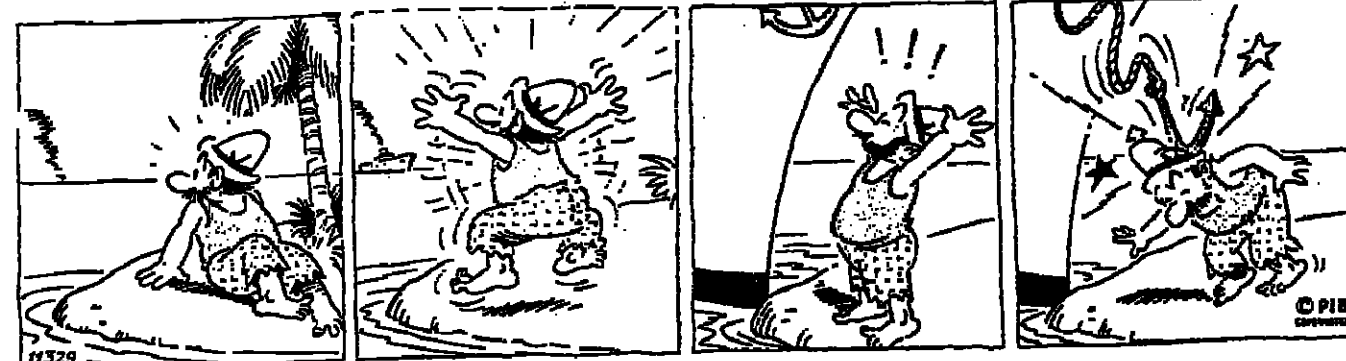
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Business and Finance

Winter no longer an 'off season'

ISRAEL'S tourist industry no longer has an "off" season. Israel Zuriel, Deputy Director-General of the Tourism Ministry says that since 1970 the winter period from October to the end of February has become a full fledged tourist season...



Israel Zuriel: climb in figures "nothing short of remarkable." Land of the Bible and as a pleasure resort were becoming better known. At the same time, people were learning that an incident, say, in the Golan Heights, should not deter them from a planned vacation on the coast...

CHARTER FLIGHTS

Questioned about prospects for a change in Israel's policy toward charter flights in the light of trends in commercial aviation generally, Mr. Zuriel said the Ministry was not unaware of the changes now being discussed by the U.S. Civil Aviation Board and its British equivalent, the Civil Aviation Authority...

"We are in touch with El Al, and all of us are exploring ways to ensure that Israel does not lag behind developments in other parts of the world," he said.

The Ministry was also seeking to overcome the complaints of wholesale travel agents about a practice of some of Israel's five-star hotels, which will only confirm group reservations on a "semi-pension" basis...

He ascribed the undaunted upward trend to the fact that Israel's attractions both as the

U.S. lends Israel \$4.2m. for generators

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S. Government announced last week it is lending Israel \$4.2m. to help it buy three electric generators in the U.S. The loan is from the U.S. Export-Import Bank, which is also putting up a loan guarantee for another \$4.2m.



Dry Bones

How science-based industries operate

Science-based industries are our economic pets, but little is known about how they actually operate and grow. The prospectus published by Elscint Ltd. for its recent share issue for the U.S. is therefore of interest to a wider circle than potential investors.

The economics of Israel's science-based industries have always been something of a mystery, writes Economic Editor Moshe Ater. For one thing their major production factors are expertise and brains, and depreciation costs are negligible. A new prospectus issued by one of the industries throws some light on the operations of these firms.

to be crazy for risky ventures in order to jump on the bandwagon of future blue chips. As a matter of fact, Elscint's scope of operation is fairly broad. It includes four principal product lines: nuclear medical equipment, nuclear scientific instruments, equipment for document coding and processing, and power supply converters.

The medical equipment is based on introducing radioactive pharmaceuticals into a patient's body, and using the rays emitted for obtaining a picture to aid in diagnosis, in particular concerning the body's soft tissues (together with X-ray techniques or alone). The scientific instruments developed by the company include several measuring devices for nuclear research, for trace element detection in geological, mineralogical and biochemical samples, for analysis of composition of chemical and industrial samples, measurement of magnetic fields, etc.

As long as this technological dominance lasts, the company can quote prices calculated not only to cover its production costs, but also to assure it reasonable profits. One consequence of this economic structure is the company's dependence on exports. For a truly science-based industry the home market must be of secondary importance. In the case of Elscint it accounted for one-half of the sales total in dollar terms in the initial period, dropping to less than 30 per cent in the second quarter of 1972, and due to decline further as sales proceeds continue to grow.

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It goes without saying that keymen cannot evaluate the special merits of these products. But what matters is that some of them seem to belong to the most advanced types of the respective technical devices available to date. This puts the company in a strong marketing position on the world scale in those particular fields. Thus Elscint's nuclear medical equipment has been distributed to distributors and serviced in the U.S. and Canada by General Electric Co. under its own name. Elscint is an acknowledged leader in the production of Moes-

U.S. banks raise loan rates

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First National City Bank, Mellon Bank of Pittsburgh and Citizens Southern National Bank of Atlanta all boosted the prime interest rate they charge on loans to their top corporate customers.

They made the decision despite recent complaints by government spokesmen that rising interest rates were jeopardizing the administration's wage and price control program.

Bank of England hikes lending rate

LONDON (AP) - The Bank of England Friday raised its minimum lending rate to 9 per cent, its highest level since the outbreak of World War I over half a century ago.

The move was designed ultimately to help curb British inflation, now running at one of the highest levels in Western Europe, nearly 10 per cent a year. It was also intended to help curb inflation in other countries, such as the U.S., where the minimum lending rate could make all mortgages, business and personal loans in this country more expensive.

EXPERTISE AND BRAINS Since the company's major production factors are expertise and brains, its added value is high. Depreciation costs are negligible, raw materials account for about one-third of the operating cost total (of which two-thirds are imports). Selling costs were high during the initial period (one-quarter of the total in the 1971 business year), while the company's products had to be launched, but these share is already declining. On the other hand, the company's wage bill remains high - about one-third of the direct manufacturing cost, and one-half of the engineering, research and development cost. Contrary to widespread views, science-based industry is likely to be more affected by the current Israeli wage explosion than are our conventional industries.

A peculiar feature of science-based cost structure is, of course, the position occupied by R&D. In 1971, research and development accounted for 44 per cent of Elscint's total operating costs, and they are likely to remain substantial even if their share decreases as the company's production and turnover grow. While this expenditure is vital in order to remain ahead of the general technological progress, its result is never certain, so that it actually represents the venture's risk factor.

The prospectus also reveals how much even science-based industry in this country depends upon Government grants. In 1971-72 the Government's participation in Elscint's R&D outlay and selling expenses, exceeded 10 per cent of its operating cost, and export premiums amounted to as much again, though most of the latter was offset by the surcharge on imported materials. In the first quarter of 1972-73 the net support amounted to five per cent of Elscint's turnover, which is to be compared with the company's gross profit margin of 15 per cent of turnover, and does not include the reduced tax rate it enjoys, nor the capital grant and the reduced rate credits it received as an approved enterprise.

The company's financial structure is of interest. Three years after start of operations its annual turnover (IL12m.) almost equaled its balance sheet, and was seven times the amount of its fixed assets (IL1.8m.). With a shareholders' equity of IL2.5m. (and more to be added to establish substantial bank credits to finance its expansion, paying an average 10.5 per cent interest, but a marginal rate of 16.5 per cent. As a result, financial expenses rose to one-third of its operating profit, which was the obvious reason for its going public. Of the IL1.8m. (net) raised by Elscint through the share issue, only IL2.5m. had been intended to be used for expanding manufacturing facilities. Another IL1.8m. was earmarked for increasing the company's operating capital, while IL4.4m. is to be used for repaying debts. Since the effective cost of the new capital funds is less than two per cent, they will contribute to Elscint's profits even while they are kept idle as interest-bearing bank deposits.

Australian dollar revalued

CANBERRA (Reuters) - Australia yesterday announced a 4.8 per cent upward revaluation of its dollar. Prime Minister Gough Whitlam said the value of the dollar would rise from 1.2160 U.S. dollars to 1.2750. Mr. Whitlam said this would mean an overall appreciation of 7.05 per cent over the present market rate of 1.1910 U.S. dollars.

Maritime retains Gov't meat contract

Maritime Fruit Carriers Ltd. will continue to hold the Government contract for bringing in frozen meat bought in South America by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Minister Haim Bar-Lev decided to continue the arrangement after hearing the recommendations of the interministerial committee he had named to study the matter. The contract extension is for two years, the Ministry spokesman said last week.



JOYEUX NOEL - Last-minute shoppers browse along the Champs Elysees, sporting its Christmas costume.

Five-year plan presented Agricultural force declines sharply

By DAVID KRIVINE, Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent. The number of farmers and agricultural workers in Israel has declined by 30,000 since 1960, and will decline by another 10,000 over the next five years - this at a time when the labour force in the country as a whole will have increased (between 1960 and 1976) by over half a million, says a Five-Year Plan just published by the Labour Ministry.

Agricultural workers numbered 121,000 in 1960, or 17.5 per cent of the labour force at that time. Last year they were down to 92,000, or 8.5 per cent of the labour force, and by 1976, the figure will be 82,000, or 6.8 per cent. The reason is the enormous improvement in productivity, with total output almost doubling every 10 years, despite the smaller number of cultivators.

TOTAL FORCE

Over the next five years, Israel's total labour force will increase by about one-quarter, or 250,000 persons (a little less if immigration averages 50,000 persons a year, and a little more if it hits 70,000 per year, the report says). Of this number, two-fifths will go to industry, raising the proportion in this branch from 24 to 27 per cent. The report comments that industrial employment has fallen so far to grow as expected. "According to forecasts made in the 1960s, the number of persons employed in industry was due to top the quarter-million mark by now, whereas it actually stood at 240,000 in 1971." If present forecasts are fulfilled, the figure will come to 328,000 in five years' time, an increase of over one-third.

Another section of the report deals with development townships. The objective is to bring all of them up to the minimum figure of 10,000 inhabitants, "which is a minimal basis if the town is to reach self-

sustaining existence." At present, eight townships will have less than that number of inhabitants: Hatzor, Ma'lot, Carmiel, Sderot, Netivot, Arad, Yerucham, and Mitzpe Ramon. The Labour Ministry intends to correct this, by bringing 14,000 persons to the developing areas over the next five years - the flow increasing from one thousand this year to 5,000 by 1976. The Labour Ministry's method is to offer attractive housing, a decent job, and "other benefits that will constitute an incentive to make the move."

MINISTRY GRADUATES

The 650-page report gives detailed predictions for all branches of the Labour Ministry's work - based on the overall national five-year blueprint drawn up by the Treasury's Economic Planning Authority. Thus annual entry into the labour market of graduates from the Ministry's vocational training network will increase by more than half, from 9,510 persons in 1972 to 15,220 in 1977. Within this total, the output of technicians will increase almost three fold, from 1,472 graduates a year to 4,000. Annual budgetary cost of the whole programme at existing prices will almost double, from IL45m. this year to IL95.8m. The Public Works Department will spend IL500m. during the coming five years, mainly on road-building. The programme includes linking the Tel Aviv-Lod motorway to Sha'ar Ha'gai (where it will join the four-lane highway to Jerusalem to the end of October, and through Latrun) and completing the Tel Aviv-Ashdod highway. The report observes that all road stretches carrying over 10,000 vehicles a day must be widened to four lanes; and it lists seven places that will receive this treatment by 1976. A symposium will be held on Thursday in Kfar Maccabia, where heads of departments in the Labour Ministry will discuss the whole plan.

STATE OF ISRAEL Ministry of Transport, Control of Road Transport, Jerusalem and Southern Districts. RESTRICTION ORDER: VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, PARKING, AND TRAFFIC ROUTING, CHRISTMAS 1972. JERUSALEM, BETHLEHEM, AND BEIT SAHUR. In exercise of my legal authority, I hereby announce that from 6.30 a.m. on December 24, 1972, until 5 a.m. on December 25, 1972, the following restrictions will apply to traffic movement and parking, in the places indicated: JERUSALEM 1. Traffic restrictions a. Roads closed to traffic: Derech Beit Lehem, from the corner of Derech Hevron, will be closed to all vehicles in the Bethlehem direction, with the exception of vehicles with pass stickers. b. Prohibition of parking: Parking on either side of Derech Beit Lehem and Derech Hevron will be prohibited. BETHLEHEM 1. Traffic arrangements: Entry to the Bethlehem district will be permitted, only to vehicles with an appropriate parking sticker; invitations must be carried. The Police will direct drivers at the entry to the restricted area, in accordance with the type of parking sticker displayed. a. Traffic restrictions: 1. Beit Jala road will be closed to traffic. 2. Beit Sahur road will be closed to traffic. 3. The new road: Beit Sahur - Zur Baher will be a one-way section in the direction, Beit Sahur to Zur Baher. b. Parking restrictions: The Police will issue instructions, indicating where parking prohibitions apply. PUBLIC TRANSPORT/SPECIAL JOURNEYS a. Buses: 1. Organized tourist groups - parking sticker 2 - will travel to Bethlehem from the Rachel's Tomb junction, and will be directed to a car park by the Police. Passengers will be picked up for the return journey after the ceremony from the same car park. 2. "Special" shuttles from Jerusalem between 8.30 and 10 p.m. - parking sticker 3: Departure Terminal for Bethlehem - Rehov Agon, parking bay opposite the Police will direct drivers to parking. Departure Terminal - Rehov St. George, near St. George Hotel - the Police will direct drivers to parking. 3. Regular shuttles to Bethlehem parking sticker 4: From Reged Central Bus Station to Bethlehem: pick-up points in Derech Hevron, Ein Rogel junction, and at Rachel's Tomb. Bus service from East Jerusalem - parking sticker 6: From the bus station at the Damascus Gate to the Bethlehem Cinema. Passengers will be picked up by the cinema for the return journey after the ceremony. 4. Jerusalem - Tel Aviv bus service will continue until 3 a.m. on December 25, 1972. b. Taxis: Local taxi service - parking sticker 5: From the Jafa Gate to Bethlehem. Pick-up and alighting point in Derech Beit Lehem, in the southern part of the square of the Church of the Nativity. GENERAL a. During the above restrictions, traffic will not be permitted on the Jerusalem - Hevron road, nor within Bethlehem. Traffic will be directed to the following route: Sa'ir, Zetara, Abu Dis, Jerusalem; and to the new Beit Sahur - Zur Baher road, in the direction towards Jerusalem only. b. Until 4 p.m., residents of Bethlehem, Beit Sahur, and Beit Jala will be able to leave the district by private vehicles bearing a special sticker. After that time, they will be able to leave only by bus or taxi. M. BAZRAN, Controller of Road Transport, Jerusalem and Southern Districts, and Judea and Samaria.

Foreign Exchange table with columns for currency, rate, and bank. Includes Bank of England and U.S. banks.

SHORT TERM LOAN advertisement for R. TANZMAN, 19 REHOV BEN YEHUDA, JERUSALEM. Includes a table of loan terms and interest rates.

To clients of the 'Ha'oleh' branch at 12 Rehov Shamai, Jerusalem. The 'Ha'oleh' Branch will close down tomorrow, Monday, December 25, 1972, at 12.30 p.m. On Tuesday, December 26, 1972, our new branch, in spacious, well appointed premises in Kikar Zion will open, where we shall be happy to provide our clients all the services previously available at the old branch, and even some new ones. BANK LEUMI LE-ISRAEL B.M.



CHANGE IN IRISH CONSTITUTION: A GESTURE FOR COMPROMISE

By PATRICK O'DONOVAN
THERE are occasional signs of hope for the future of the democratic process — even in Ireland, which, just now, is a place of curious and irrational horror where all the curses seem worse than the disease.

legislation. It was probably vital in the prevention of laws to permit birth control, divorce and abortion — all of which are illegal in the Republic.

grounds. No religion may be endowed by the State. No religious schools are to receive any preference in State aid. The right of religions to run their own affairs and administer their own property is recognized.

is a gentle and indirect repudiation of these attitudes and syndromes. The Cardinal Primate of all Ireland, Archbishop William Conway of Armagh, was in favour of the dropping of the clause in the Constitution and although the voting turn-out was small, the constitutional amendment was endorsed, not only in the cities, but in country counties like Mayo and Kerry where the old unforgetting memories and prejudices were thought still to be in charge.

PILGRIMS' DAY

TODAY, Christmas Eve, is pilgrims' day in the Holy Land, and particularly in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth.

that goes out with today's issue of The Jerusalem Post Bethlehem's Mayor Elias Freij is protesting that his one-day-a-year city is forgotten for the rest of the year by Christians the world over, and that it has remained too modest in appearance.

Particularly welcome is astronaut-pilgrim James Irwin, who has told us with such simplicity and conviction of the depth of his experience as he walked on the moon and looked at the earth as a distant planet in the sky.

Mayor Freij is right in saying his city is entitled to help in addition to the modest rates that can be collected from its 2,000 inhabitants, and no doubt needed for ordinary services.

Critics ask change in immigration policy More Asians for Australia?

Critics of Australia's current immigration policy argue that a big reduction in European intake — while maintaining, or slightly increasing, the Asian intake — would not only be good for the country but good for Australia's relations with Asian neighbours.



Australia is the world's most thinly populated country, but overcrowding in its cities is a major problem. Here, a traffic jam in North Sydney.

of high tariffs. They are encouraged to expand so that they can employ more labour. It is argued that these inefficient industries should be provided employment for immigrants, but are a burden on the economy and the consumer.

Money or men
But it can no longer be argued that Australia necessarily needs a large population for its defence. Sophisticated defence technology and weaponry need money more than men.

And because Australia's economy and security is linked with the Asian region, it is argued that the present emphasis on European immigrants is unwise. Any scheme that does not extend the same right of entry to Europeans and Asians alike is seen in some quarters here — and in many quarters in Asia — as sorely doubtful and grossly insulting to Asian neighbours.

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Weizman and Herut

Ha'aretz (non-party) writes: "The Herut convention has reconfirmed that from certain aspects this party resembles a religious cult rather than a political body: it is a group of believers, with adherence to the traditional leader being a basic tenet of their faith.

it contains the elements of an ideological crisis. The paper declares: "The nationalistic movement, which disregards the rules of political democracy, has reached a dead end. Adhering to the confusion was also the debate at the convention, in which thoughts of repentance made themselves heard."

Davar (Histadrut) writes: "The split which manifested itself in Herut was of a personal nature, and the contests were for positions of power and not over ideological issues."

Evincing no surprise at the split in Herut, Eitzose (National Religious) writes: "In the immediate sphere of the commander of the fighting family, Menahem Begin, it is impossible for anyone to display a differing opinion, and this is not the first time that he has removed opponents and revealed no tolerance for deciding between majority and minority."

Al Hanishmar (Mapam) does not think that the contest within Herut is merely personal, suggesting that

SYDNEY (FWF) — Immigration has always been a fact of life in Australia — from those early days in the late 18th century when intrepid settlers sailed to the unknown southern continent until the present day when jumbo jets disgorge immigrants for instant processing at reception centres.

tion be continued when its prime achievement seems to be only a population growth?

After war
At the end of World War II nobody doubted the need for a rapid population growth. The Battle of the Coral Sea had prevented an imminent Japanese invasion of Australia. The Government's postwar immigration programme did not have to be sold to the Australian public. It was "Populate or Perish."

have been the largest group — more than half the total. The next largest group was Italian, followed by Greek, Dutch, German, Yugoslav, Polish, Hungarian and American immigrants. Most of these came under the assisted passage scheme.



File picture of a B-52 dropping a cluster of bombs over Vietnam. (AP radiophoto)

FOREIGN PRESS

'U.S. bombing is terror on unprecedented scale'

The New York Times condemned the renewed bombing in North Vietnam for the suffering it will cause, in an editorial on Friday.

from Hanoi Radio to deduce that the destruction and the human suffering must be very intensive indeed. And to what end?

Readers' letters

Appeal by Lansky's sister

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Though there is naught to be gained for my brother, Meyer Lansky, I feel I must address myself to the Gush Watzman letter (November 15), to the Minister of Interior and to the people of Israel.

Tours from Holland

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I read with interest your report, "Dutch firm starts low-cost Israel tours" (November 28). May I point out that our company has been organizing low-cost tours to Israel since 1969 and after a difficult start in 1968-69 when we had 800 participants, we brought 4,000 passengers to Israel in 1972.

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